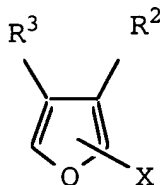


substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein R^3 is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso [if when X is hydrogen then R^2 and R^3 are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl] that one of R^2 and R^3 is phenyl substituted with methylsulfonyl or sulfamyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 51. (Amended) A compound of the formula



wherein X is [hydrogen or] hydroxyl;

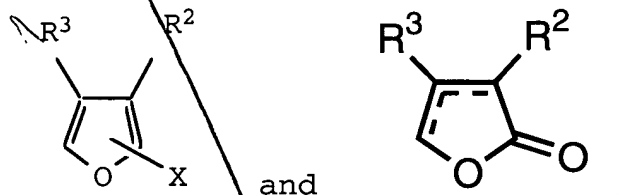
wherein R^2 is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and

wherein R^3 is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso [if when X is hydrogen then R^2 and R^3 are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl] that one of R^2 and R^3 is phenyl substituted with methylsulfonyl or sulfamyl; or a

pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 57. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula selected from



wherein X is hydroxyl; wherein R² is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein R³ is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso [if when X is hydrogen then R² and R³ are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl] that one of R² and R³ is phenyl substituted with methylsulfonyl or sulfamyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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Claim 59. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula